

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 361

January 21, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes any officer of a governmental animal control agency to enter any property or dwelling that the officer reasonably believes is abandoned to rescue any non-livestock animal.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution, “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.”
- Warrantless seizure of abandoned property, or of properties on an open field do not violate Fourth Amendment, because it is considered that having expectation of privacy right to such is not reasonable.
- Authorizing any officer of a governmental animal control agency to enter any property or dwelling that the officer reasonably believes is abandoned to rescue any non-livestock animal will not significantly impact state or local government expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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